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Ref: 2976-22054

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Duval Zone, Reservoir E
LAPEYROUSE FIELD
Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Castex Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Castex Energy, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the Duval Zone, Reservoir E, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

1. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order 29-E and to create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 63 acres for the Duval Zone, Reservoir E, designated as the Duval RE SUA, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the BOL M 1 RB SUA created herein; and
9. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Duval Zone, Reservoir E, in the Lapeyrouse Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured

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depths of 14,989 feet and 15,148 feet ('14,572' to -14,727' subsea) (electrical log measurements) in Castex Energy, Inc.- William K. Wurzlow No. 1 well, located in Section 17, Township 20 South, Range 18 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

The Commissioner of Conservation has waived the twenty (20) day pre-application notice requirement provided for in Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation and that rule is not applicable to this hearing application.

A conference to discuss this application WILL BE HELD at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2004, in the offices of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, 625 East Kaliste Saloom Rd., Suite 301, Terrebonne, La 70508 (337) 237-0132.


Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Duval Zone, Reservoir E, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this pre-application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Art Christy of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, represented the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments
cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and Interested Parties

